

### **REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003.

Claims 1-25 are canceled and claims 32-33 are withdrawn; as a result, claims 26-31, 34 and 35 are now pending in this application.

#### **§112 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 1-5, 9-13 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claims 1-5, 9-13 and 17-22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 1-5, 9-13 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-5, 9-13 and 17-22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot.

#### **§103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 1-2, 5, 9-10, 13, 17-18 and 21-22 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuris (U.S. 3,565,062). Claims 1-2, 5, 9-10, 13, 17-18 and 21-22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 3-4, 11-12 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuris in view of Leckrone (U.S. 4,685,458). Claims 3-4, 11-12 and 19-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 26-31 and 34-35.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6951 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.


Respectfully submitted,

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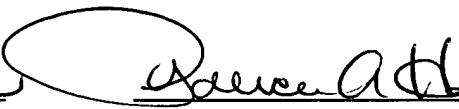
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